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As a user of Apple computer products it should be noted Microsoft has not produced a version of their database called Access for the Macintosh. To many people this may seem insignificant, but what it does is eliminate the full integration of apple computers in business environments. The other point is that in the windows version of Outlook, the mail client, Microsoft created a networked calendar system, which again was not provided for the Macintosh mail client called Entourage. People may say so what, what I say these omissions were done on purpose to maintain Apple?s niche status in the computer industry, since when an Apple computer is sold Microsoft generates no money from the transaction, but may my benefit from the purchase of their limited office suite. In order to level the playing field, the company needs to be split in 3 ways, one for operating systems, one for add on software and another for services like web tv and .net. The company has vast influence and must be monitored more closely, since now Microsoft now has the ability to shut off software that is purchased but not registered. There is always the possibility that at some point there could be massive computer shut downs if someone hacked into the activation system, or if a bug occurred in the activation system. This would represent a serious nation security risk to the national and world economy. The implications are serious.

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